REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by TESSLER et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,090); rejected claims 2, 5, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al.; and rejected claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of BARAL et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,932,042).

By this amendment, claims 1, 11, 21, and 55 have been amended. Claims 1-21 and 55 remain pending.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by TESSLER et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to the amended claims.

TESSLER et al. is directed to a system that delivers display information to a calling party (Abstract).

The present invention recited in amended independent claim 1, for example, includes a combination of features, including receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request does not include the number, and sending the number in accordance with the request. Applicants respectfully submit that TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest this combination of features.

For example, TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station

and associated with a second call station, where the request does not include the number.

Support for this feature can be found, for example, at page 17, lines 21-27, of Applicants'

specification. The Examiner relied on col. 1, lines 50-53, and col. 3, lines 45-52, of

TESSLER et al. for allegedly disclosing receiving a request from a calling party to send

to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second

call station. Applicants submit, however, that these sections of TESSLER et al. do not

disclose or suggest that the request does not include the number.

Col. 1, lines 50-53, of TESSLER et al. discloses:

> monitoring at said central office switch a condition of said terminal
> equipment to detect a request for delivering data to said terminal
> equipment through AIN interaction

This section of TESSLER et al. merely indicates that a central office may detect a request

for delivering data. This section of TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest that the

request for delivering data is a request to send a first call station a number sent from the

first call station and associated with a second call station or that the request does not

include the number, as recited in claim 1.

Col. 3, lines 45-52, of TESSLER et al. discloses:

> As the caller goes off hook, the call processing software within the service
> switching point (SSP) detects this condition as an AIN trigger and then
> collects the digits of the called party. It should be observed that AIN
> triggers may occur at different steps of the call model, the off-hook
> condition being only one of them. The SSP then formulates a request
> message that solicits the information that will be displayed on the CPE of
> the caller. The SSP then sends this request message to a service control
> point (SCP) that contains the relevant information for this service.

This section of TESSLER et al. merely discloses that a request for display information

can be requested by a SSP to a SCP. TESSLER et al. specifically discloses that the

request for display information includes the called party's number (see, *inter alia*, col. 3, lines 57-60, which discloses that the <u>SCP maps the number dialed</u> along with the caller's number to the information that is to be displayed, and col. 7, lines 59-63, which discloses that if the called party name is to be displayed to the calling party, the name of the called party is retrieved from the database on the basis of the digits contained in the query request). Applicants submit that these sections of TESSLER et al. specifically teach away from the request not including the number, as recited in amended claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by TESSLER et al.

Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by TESSLER et al. for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Amended independent claim 11 recites receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys on the first call station, and sending the number in accordance with the request. Applicants submit that TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest this combination of features.

For example, TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest that the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys on the first call station. Support for this feature can be found, for example, on page 4, line 26, to page 5, line 2, of Applicants' specification.

TESSLER et al. discloses, to the contrary, that the Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) trigger, which is used to trigger the retrieval and display of information to the calling party, is detected when the calling party goes "off hook" (see col. 3, lines 45-48). TESSLER et al. does not disclose or suggest that the AIN trigger is detected in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys on the first call station, but merely when the calling party goes "off hook."

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 11 is not anticipated by TESSLER et al.

Claims 13, 14, 17, and 18 depend from claim 11. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by TESSLER et al. for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 11. Applicants also note that the ground of rejection with respect to claims 13 and 14 is improper. Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on TESSLER et al. Therefore, a rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is improper.

Amended independent claims 21 and 55 recite features similar to those described above with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 21 and 55 are not anticipated by TESSLER et al. for reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2, 5, 12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over TESSLER et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 2 and 5 depend from claim 1, and claims 12 and 15 depend from claim 11. Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al. for at least the reasons given above with respect to the claims from which they depend.

Claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of BARAL et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

BARAL et al. is directed to a voice and data messaging system. In BARAL et al., when a calling party receives a busy signal, the calling party may dial "*867" to be connected to a Voice Message Operations Center for recording a voice message for the called party (Abstract).

Claims 6, 9, and 10 depend from claim 1, and claims 16, 19, and 20 depend from claim 11. Applicants submit that the disclosure of BARAL et al. does not remedy the deficiencies set forth above with respect to TESSLER et al. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19, and 20 are patentable over TESSLER et al. and BARAL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to the claims from which they depend.
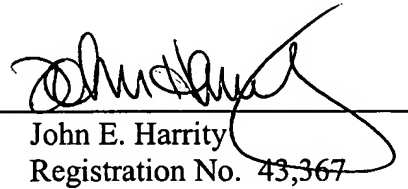
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §

1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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ATTACHMENT SHOWING CHANGES MADE

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Claims 1, 11, 21, and 55 were amended as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:

receiving a request from a calling party to send <u>to</u> a first call station a number sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station<u>, the request not including the number</u>; and

sending said number in accordance with said request.

11.   (Amended) A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to verify a dialed number, comprising:

receiving a request from a calling party to send <u>to</u> a first call station a number sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station<u>, the request being initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys on the first call station</u>; and

sending said number in accordance with said request.

21.   (Amended) An apparatus to verify a dialed number, comprising a dialed number verification module to receive a dialed number verification request from a calling station<u>, the dialed number verification request not including the dialed number,</u> and to send said dialed number to said calling station in response to said request.

55.　(Amended)　A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:

receiving a call connection request from a calling party to a called party;

receiving a request from the calling party to send a number associated with the called party to the calling party while the call is being connected<u>, the request not including the number</u>;

terminating the call connection; and

sending the number to the calling party based on the request.